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LEON COUNTY
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Dear Mr. Thiele:

The FY 2003-2004 General Appropriations Act, Chapter No. 2003-397, Laws of Florida, requires that the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) renegotiate its contracts for Administrative Law Judge services on an annual basis so that the hourly rate charged is based on a total-cost recovery methodology. After consulting with an independent certified accounting firm, it has been determined that our hourly rate must be increased from \$100 to \$129.00 per hour.

Please find attached for execution a revised contract between Leon County and DOAH relating to Leon County Ordinance No. 90-31 and Leon County Land Development Code Section 10-1485 which provides for the assignment of Administrative Law Judges, which reflects a rate change of \$129.00 per hour, effective upon execution of the contract, and which has an automatic annual renewal period beginning one year from the date of execution. DOAH will notify you on or about the first of September each year with regard to the amount of the legislatively mandated hourly rate for the subsequent year.

DOAH takes great pride in providing your agency with Administrative Law Judges services. It is our intention to increase our contracts with local government entities. If there are services in other areas that we may provide,

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please contact me at (850) 488-9675, ext. 137. Should I
be unavailable, please contact Lisa Guidry at the same
telephone number, ext. 123.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry L. Hooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Harry" being more prominent than the last name "Hooper".

Harry L. Hooper
Deputy Chief Judge

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Enclosures